

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Timothy R. Hansen et a.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING MAGNETIC
PARTICLES IN FLUID SAMPLES TO COLLECT DNA OR RNA FROM
A SAMPLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

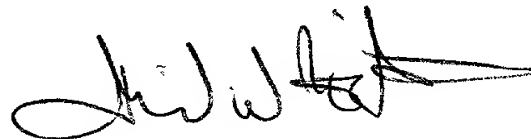
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the
present application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-11.

Respectfully submitted,



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